

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)	
Michael V. LEWIS et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: February 27, 2001	)	
For: CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING	)	
MACHINE AND CONTROL SYSTEM	)	
THEREFOR	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.


- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

By:   
Peter K. Skiff  
Registration No. 31,917

Date: February 27, 2001

Patent  
 Attorney's Docket No. 021238-437

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
	)	
Michael V. LEWIS et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
	)	
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
	)	
Filed: February 27, 2001	)	
	)	
For: CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING	)	
MACHINE AND CONTROL SYSTEM	)	
THEREFOR	)	
	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents was cited in a Preliminary Examination Report and International Search Report (copies enclosed) dated January 4, 2001 and December 3, 1999 for PCT/GB99/02863, International Published Application No. WO 00/16647 upon which is based a claim for priority.

- U.S. Patent No. 3,793,512 - February 19, 1974
- U.S. Patent No. 4,280,187 - July 21, 1981
- U.S. Patent No. 4,463,766 - August 7, 1984
- U.S. Patent No. 4,599,699 - July 8, 1986
- U.S. Patent No. 5,284,164 - February 8, 1994
- WO 96 15688 A - May 30, 1996

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Information Disclosure Statement  
Application No. Not Yet Assigned  
Attorney's Docket No. 021238-437  
Page 2

---

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: Peter K. Skiff  
Peter K. Skiff  
Registration No. 31,917

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

Date: February 27, 2001